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SUBJECT: tobacco smoke reported as not transmitting infectious disease

In the most recent edition of the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA, November 14). Dr. William Jarvis of the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta responds to a reader's inquiry stating that:

"...there is, at present, no evidence of human-to-human transmission of infectious diseases by tobacco smoke..."

Although Dr. Jarvis vindicates tobacco smoke as a possible transmitter of infectious diseases, he exploits the reader's inquiry as an opportunity to criticize cigarette consumption for other reasons.

Dr. Jarvis' citations can help document a defense against possible attempts to implicate environmental smoke in the transmission of AIDS or other diseases.

Note: a fomite is an object that is not in itself harmful, but is able to harbor microorganisms and thus serve as an agent of transmission of infection.

Attachments

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